

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Acting Chair Vince Ricci, on March 10, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Amanda Curtis, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 564, 2/27/2017; SB 264, 3/7/2017; SB 184, 2/27/2017
Executive Action: SB 108, SB 128, SB 165, SB 169, SB 318

HEARING ON SB 264

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:33 Sen. Nels Swandal (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 264, Revising rulemaking for reporting to Board of Outfitters.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:02 Patrick Taber, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
[EXHIBIT\(buh50a01\)](#)

00:08:25 Tyler Moss, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
[EXHIBIT\(buh50a02\)](#)

00:13:17 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
[EXHIBIT\(buh50a03\)](#)

00:16:19 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:02 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

00:20:23 Rep. Schreiner left the meeting.

00:24:39 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:24:53 Rep. Funk joined the meeting.

00:27:09 John Borgreen, Russell Country Sportsmen Association

00:27:54 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM)

Informational Testimony:

00:34:45 Ken McDonald, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:08 Rep. Rosendale

00:35:47 Sen. Swandal

00:36:37 Rep. Loge

00:37:01 Ken McDonald, MFWP

00:38:56 Rep. Loge

00:39:10 Ken McDonald, MFWP

00:40:18 Rep. Curtis

00:41:39 Robin Cunningham, FOAM

00:43:46 Rep. Gunderson

00:44:21 Ken MacDonald, MFWP

00:44:48 Rep. Curdy

00:48:48 Patrick Taber, MOGA

00:49:43 Mac Minard, MOGA

00:50:45 Rep. Noland joined the meeting.

00:51:44 Chair Ricci

00:52:44 Ken McDonald, MFWP

00:54:50 Rep. Curdy

00:55:32 Ken McDonald, MFWP

00:56:38 Rep. Vinton

00:57:11 Sen. Swandal

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:46 Sen. Swandal

00:59:01 Rep. Noland resumed the chair.

HEARING ON HB 564

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:01:05 Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R), HD 52, opened the hearing on HB 564, Revise 'sports pools' to allow range of buy-in amounts.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:05:18 Angela Nunn, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:32 Rep. Loge
01:07:54 Angela Nunn, DOJ
01:09:00 Rep. Vinton
01:10:48 Angela Nunn, DOJ
01:10:58 Rep. Fitzgerald
01:12:57 Angela Nunn, DOJ
01:13:33 Rep. Curdy
01:13:52 Angela Nunn, DOJ
01:14:14 Rep. Olsen
01:14:37 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:26 Rep. Patelis

HEARING ON SB 184

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:18:32 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 184, Revise workers compensation to allow termination of payments due to fraud.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:21:15 Larry Jones, Montana Self Insurers Association
01:25:07 Ethan Heverly, Montana State Fund (MSF)
01:25:28 Alan Hulse, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority
01:25:58 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
01:26:20 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

01:26:48 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

EXHIBIT(buh50a04)

01:34:44 Patrick Fox, Doubek, Pyfer and Fox
01:41:45 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:43:17 Rep. Funk
01:44:02 Sen. Moore
01:44:32 Rep. Funk
01:45:38 Ethan Heverly, MSF
01:45:48 Rep. Vinton
01:46:27 Al Smith, MTLA
01:47:04 Rep. Loge
01:47:32 Sen. Moore
01:47:45 Larry Jones, Montana Self Insurers Association
01:48:48 Rep. Olsen
01:50:11 Ethan Heverly, MSF
01:50:53 Rep. Olsen
01:53:10 Larry Jones, Montana Self Insurers Association
01:54:11 Chair Noland
01:56:53 Patrick Fox, Doubek, Pyfer and Fox
01:57:13 Rep. Olsen
01:57:47 Al Smith, MTLA
01:58:43 Rep. Rosendale
01:59:09 Larry Jones, Montana Self Insurers Association

Closing by Sponsor:

02:00:04 Sen. Moore

02:04:21 Chair Noland

02:04:29 Recessed.
02:10:45 Reconvened.

02:10:57 Chair Noland

02:11:16 Recessed.
02:34:56 Reconvened with Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov absent.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 108

02:35:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **SB 108 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Rep. Olsen and Rep. Rosendale voting no. Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Pierson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 128

02:36:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **SB 128 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Mandeville will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 165

02:37:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **SB 165 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Welch will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 169

02:38:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **SB 169 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Fitzgerald will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 318

02:39:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **SB 318 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Loge will carry the bill.

02:40:18 Rep. Olsen
02:41:38 Chair Noland
02:43:33 Rep. Funk
02:44:20 Rep. Olsen
02:45:54 Rep. Curtis

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:46:28

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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